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DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) and a submission, filed on March 3, 2005. The submission, however, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because the RCE presents claims for a different invention - Applicants cannot file an RCE to obtain continued examination on the basis of claims that are independent and distinct from the claims previously claimed and examined as a matter of right (i.e., applicant cannot switch inventions). See 37 CFR 1.145. The new claims are directed to a double locking mortise joint table, a combination claim. Claim 21 is independent and distinct for the following reasons. The combination does not require the particular of the mortise joint having a first member having a first mortise having a gusset top serving as "one side of the triangular shape", and the first mortise does not further require that it "further comprise a first mortise corner and a second mortise corner, said first mortise corner being located between said first mortise end and said head bottom, said second mortise corner being located between said first mortise and said gusset top, and at least one of said two mortise corners is rounded" as claimed in claim 1. Furthermore, the combination also does not require a tabletop edge having "a top surface and a bottom surface next to the second mortise end" as claimed in claims 9 and 15.

Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period for reply supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ernesto Garcia whose telephone number is 703-308-8606. The examiner can normally be reached from 9:30-6:00. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9326 for regular communications and 703-872-9327 for After Final communications.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached on 703-308-2686. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1113.

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